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O. HENRY'S PRISON LIFE

The charge that Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, who has written a biography of William Sidney Porter, treated this famous American fiction-writer in a cold-blooded manner, will not bear inspection. Dr. Smith's reference to this chaper in O. Henry's life is most sympathetic, and the reader is left in doubt as to whether the most popular of recent authors was ill-used by the law. Porter was a clerk in a bank at Austin, Tex., and was charged with appropriating to his own uses several hundred dollars at two different times. The foremen of the grand jury and the petit jury, which convicted him, say that had they known all the circumstances, they never would have voted to conhigh character were obtained from other sources, including the warden of the Ohio state prison, the physician and others.

O. Henry's whole life was a refutation of the charge of theft and, though money trickled through his fingers like sand through a seive, he was never accused of dishonesty before or since. The bank was loosely managed and afterwards went broke. many patrons saying that no records were kept of many transactions.

O. Henry obtained in prison the characters of his western stories. He liked the cowboy and outlaw priseners, including Al Jennings, and wrote many articles at night. "The Gentle Grafter" series were produced while in prison.

The family of this man is distressed of course, but they must realize that genius must be placed under the light of publicity and that most men and women, not being perfect themselves, will appreciate all the more this North Carolinian who, believing himself the victim of circumstances, retained a sweet disposition and a hopeful outlook on life during the rest of his days.

MR. HUGHES SPEAKS OUT

Mr. Hughes was a long time about saying what he meant by the maintenance of American rights on land and sea, but he has said what he meant in no uncertain terms and there should be no doubt in the minds of American voters that he will keep his pledge. He stands with Mr. Wilson on the proposition, and the only difference between them is that he and his supporters claim that the president talks much, writes many notes and fails to act.

The Republican candidate will elienate some of his supporters who fancied he would use this government to assist foreign governments in the unlawful conduct of war on the sea, but he will gain support from that pro-ally crowd who feel that President Wilson has not done enough. Mr. Hughes is bound to gain as much as he has lost, because the enemies of the president already have committed themselves and they will not care to eat crow.

We are glad Mr. Hughes has spoken. Coming right after the destruction of a number of American lives on a British steamer, it will have a salutary effect on the country. It will show that we might differ in smaller questions, but on the question of Americanism, there can be no division where our presidents are

The Record enjoyed a visit yesterday from an old friend, one A. L. Stockton of the Greensboro News, incidentally the best all-round newspaper man in the state, and incidentally again, he was so slick and prosperous looking that we thought he was a candidate for presidential elector or an agent of Colliers or something. Come again, Stock.

We don't know anything about the Marina case, but we can rest satisged that the American government will find the facts. As to what course will be followed, we have no way of knowing unless the president should make good his word not to write any more notes.

Some days the muse will sing and others she simply gets off and refus-

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legislation passed under the direction cipling" prisoners of war. of the president. Mr. Settle, we believe, admitted that practically all

form was drawn on heavily. The federal reserve act and the farm loan act are two pieces of legislation that entitle the Democrats to everlasting praise, and it is nard to believe that the American people, knowing the facts, would want to repudiate them. We have thought the president has made mistakes, but we recall that other presidents have erred, that Mr. Taft was a muchabused man and that other chief executives, including Washington and

Lincoln, suffered much abuse. to pick out a few seeming inconsistencies, magnify them and pass over as unworthy of mention the great constructive measures of the admin- I who ve been for centuries three

And we have never flattered our- My old plays commemorate, selves that what way say and do will And my poor writ verse to standchange the result in the county, state and nation. That's one reason why we Yet on this side 'tis "So Great," haven't taken everything so serious- And on this-just hear them prate ly in this grand old county-may it How I worked both long and latebe a long time before politics waves

Mr. Frank Allen came near being FIRE CHIEFS TO MEET run down by an automobile the other night, and he received a fright that nade him want to use a shotgun. Oncof these days or nights somebody will be mangled by a fast-running auto- of the chiefs of fire departments of

boards, so the Democratic "ringsters" week must have it in for quite a few coun-Testimonials of O. Henry's ties, Mr. Settle will think when he earns the facts.

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have treated the Jews and the Ger- acts "The Way of the World" will be Dr. Blair made an entertaining ad- mans have treated the Belgians, good. See it at the Pastime Thursday dress the other night, but he failed these two countries ought to be about to mention some of the many acts of evenly matched when it comes to "dis-

Orangeburg, S. C., has formed a the planks of the Populist party have creamery company. Thus the good been absorbed, that some Republican that Catawba county farmers did in promises were kept by the Demo- establishing the big creamery here crats and that the Progressive plat- not only lives after them, but travels a considerable distance.

> We have seen some pretty warm political fights in our time-in South Carolina and Wake county, N. C., for example-but we have never seen more downright seriousness than can be observed here any day.

As a laugh-provoker, who is better that Hon. Thomas Settle?

SHAKESPEARE'S ESCAPE

Here my harties, what's the row, Why this queer old dancing now, It seems to be the fashion, however, And such constumes? Well, I'll vow This is strange!

> What! You say it's all for me-All this dancing, all this glee. In my grave?

That they're here to celebrate, You can't mean!

All for fame!

Frances Geitner, '16, A. P. in St. Mary's Muse.

AT ROCKY MOUNT SOON

(By Associat d Press.) Rocky Mount, Nov. 1.—Plans for a business meeting here this month the larger cities of the state are under way, according to an announcement by D. D. Daughtridge, chief of There are 100 counties in the state, the local department. The date for and only a few elect their school the meeting will be selected this

Chief Daughtridge plans to make the demonstration and test of Rocky Mount's new motor triple unit combination hose, chemical and pumper a feature if the equipment is deliv-Wilson or Hughes or Hanly, the ered before the meeting. The visitors also will inspect the new central fire station just turned over to the department.

Goods.

Judging by the way the Russians The Red Feather Photopiay in 5 November 2nd.

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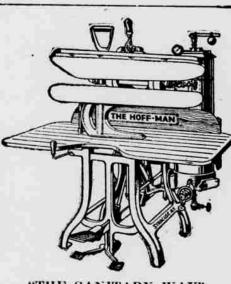
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